BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN XCEL ENERGY AND SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC
SERVICE TERRITORY
AGREEMENT
EL01-022

On September 20, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by Xcel Energy (Xcel) and Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SEC) for approval of an electric service territory boundary change. According to the application, the change is for a minor boundary change for the Auburn Hills Addition, which was previously approved by the Commission on July 2, 1999, in Docket EL99-013. The Auburn Hills Addition is located in the SW¼ of Section 16, Township 100 North, Range 50 West, Lincoln County, South Dakota. The owner/developer consented to the proposed change in territory boundaries. There are no existing customers affected and no facilities will be sold. The electric service boundary as found in EL99-013 is amended as follows:

- 8) Then South along the West quarter mile to a point that would coincide with the back lot line of Lot 1, Block 1 of the Auburn Hills Addition in the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, in T100N, R50W in Lincoln County, South Dakota.
 - a) Then East along the back lot line of Lot 1, Block 1 to the center of Redstone Avenue between Lot 1, Block 1, and Lot 1, Block 2, of the Auburn Hills Addition.
 - b) Then South along the center line of Redstone Avenue to a point that would intersect with a line from the Southeast Corner of Lot 7, Block 10, or the Northeast Corner of Lot 8, Block 10 of the Auburn Hills Addition.
- 9) From the center point of Redstone Avenue and a point that would coincide with the Southeast Corner of Lot 7, Block 10, or the Northeast Corner of Lot 8, Block 10, go West and North following the back lot lines of Lot 2 through 15 of Block 10 to a point where the Southwest Corner of Lot 2 or the Southeast Corner of Lot 1 or the Northeast Corner of Lot 15 meet in Block 10 of the Auburn Hills Addition.
 - a) From the point where the Southwest Corner of Lot 2 and the Southeast corner of Lot 1 or the Northeast Corner of Lot 15, Block 10 meet, go West along the South lot line of Lot 1, Block 10, or the North lot line of Lot 15, Block 10 to the Southwest Corner of Lot 5, Block 11, or the Northwest Corner of Lot 6, Block 11.
 - b) From the Southwest Corner of Lot 5, Block 11, or the Northwest Corner of Lot 6, Block 11, go South along the back lot line of Lot 6 to the Southeast Corner of Tract 5, Block 11 or the Northeast Corner of Tract 6, Block 11, or the Northwest Corner of Lot 7, Block 11 or the Southwest Corner of Lot 6, Block 11 in the Auburn Hills Addition in the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, T100W, R50W in Lincoln County, South Dakota.

- c) From the Southeast Corner of Tract 5, Block 11, or the Southwest Corner of Lot 6, Block 11 or the Northwest Corner of Lot 7, Block 11 or the Northeast Corner of Tract 6, Block 11, go West along the South lot line of Tract 5, Block 11 or North lot line of Tract 6, Block 11, to a point that would coincide with the center of Louse Avenue in the City of Sioux Falls.
- d) From the center of Louise Avenue go North to a point that would coincide with one-quarter mile North of Section 16 South section line or 3/4 mile South of Section 16, North section line in T100N, R50W.
- e) From a point in the center of Louise Avenue and one-quarter mile North of the South section line or 3/4 mile South of the North section line of Section 16, continue West along the South quarter mile line to the half mile line of Section 17, T100N, R50W.

On October 23, 2001, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the boundary change. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that the change in the service territory boundary will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of Xcel and SEC. The Commission therefore concludes that the change in the service territory boundary is in the public interest and it shall be granted. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an electric service territory boundary change between Xcel and SEC is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of October, 2001.

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| BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION: |
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| JAMES A. BURG, Chairman |
| PAM NELSON, Commissioner |